

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An automated method, comprising:

receiving, by a processor, a search query;

determining, by the processor, whether the received search query includes an entity name corresponding to a particular entity;

determining, by the processor, whether to rewrite the received search query based on information relating to selections of search results from prior searches conducted based on prior search queries including the entity name;

rewriting, by the processor, the received search query to include a restrict identifier relating to a domain associated with the particular entity when the information₁ relating to selections of search results from the prior searches₁ indicates that users intended the particular entity when the users submitted the prior search queries including the entity name;

automatically performing, by the processor, a search restricted to the domain associated with the particular entity₁ based on the rewritten search query₁ to ~~obtain~~ generate a list of search results; and

~~presenting~~ outputting, by the processor, the list of search results for presentation on a display.
2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing a link to the received search query with the search results, where selection of the link causes a search to be performed based on the received search query.

3-6. (canceled)

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, where the determining whether to rewrite the received search query comprises:

identifying entity identifiers associated with search result documents that were selected in connection with the prior searches involving the entity name,

determining a total number of selections for each of the identified entity identifiers, and

determining that the received search query should be rewritten when an entity identifier associated with the entity name receives a total number of selections greater than other ones of the identified entity identifiers.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 7, where the determining whether to rewrite the received search query further comprises:

determining whether the total number of selections for the entity identifier associated with the entity name is greater than a threshold, and

determining that the received search query should not be rewritten when the total number of selections for the entity identifier associated with the entity name is not greater than the threshold.

9. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, where the determining whether to rewrite the received search query comprises:

identifying entity identifiers associated with search result documents that were selected in connection with the prior searches involving the entity name,

determining a distribution of a total number of selections for each of the identified entity identifiers, and

determining that the received search query should be rewritten when the distribution indicates that the total number of selections for an entity identifier associated with the entity name is peaked compared to the total number of selections for a subset of other ones of the identified entity identifiers.

10. (canceled)

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, where the automatically performing a search based on the rewritten search query comprises:

searching a repository of documents using the rewritten search query.

12. (currently amended) A system implemented within one or more computer devices, comprising:

means for receiving a search query;

means for determining whether the received search query includes an entity name corresponding to a particular entity;

means for rewriting the received search query to include a restrict identifier relating to a domain associated with the particular entity when the received search query includes the entity name;

means for automatically performing a search restricted to the domain associated with the particular entity₂ based on the rewritten search query₁ to obtain search results in lieu of performing a search based on the received search query; and

means for providing the search results.

13. (previously presented) A system, comprising:

a memory to store information relating to selections of search results from prior searches conducted based on prior search queries; and

a processor to:

receive a search query from a user,

determine whether the received search query includes an entity name corresponding to a particular entity,

determine whether to rewrite the received search query based on the information in the memory,

rewrite the received search query to restrict a search performed based on the rewritten search query to a set of documents associated with the particular entity when the information in the memory indicates that users intended the particular entity when the users submitted the prior search queries including the entity name,

perform, without input from the user, a search restricted to the set of documents

associated with the particular entity based on the rewritten search query to obtain search results, and

present the search results.

14-37. (canceled)

38. (currently amended) An automated method, comprising:

receiving, by a processor, a search query;

determining, by the processor, whether the received search query includes an entity name corresponding to a particular entity;

determining, by the processor, whether to rewrite the received search query based on information relating to user behavior associated with prior searches conducted based on prior search queries including the entity name;

rewriting, by the processor, the received search query to restrict a search performed, based on the rewritten search query, to a domain associated with the particular entity when the information, relating to the user behavior associated with the prior searches, indicates that users intended the particular entity when the users submitted the prior search queries including the entity name;

automatically performing, by the processor, a search restricted to the domain associated with the particular entity, based on the rewritten search query, to ~~obtain~~ generate a list of search results without performing a search based on the received search query; and

~~presenting~~ outputting, by the processor, the list of search results for presentation on a

display.

39-41. (canceled)

42. (currently amended) An automated method, comprising:

receiving, by a processor, a search query from a user;

determining, by the processor, that the received search query includes a store name associated with a particular store;

rewriting, by the processor, the received search query to include a restrict identifier, relating to a domain associated with the particular store, based on information relating to prior searches involving the store name;

performing, by the processor and without input from the user, a search restricted to the domain associated with the particular store, based on the rewritten search query, to ~~obtain~~ generate a list of search results; and

~~presenting~~ outputting, by the processor, the list of search results for presentation on a display.

43. (currently amended) An automated method, comprising:

receiving, by a processor, a search query;

determining, by the processor, that the received search query includes a name of a news source;

rewriting, by the processor, the received search query to include a restrict identifier,

relating to a domain associated with the news source₁ based on information relating to prior searches involving the name of the news source;

automatically performing, by the processor, a search restricted to the domain associated with the news source₁ based on the rewritten search query₁ to ~~obtain~~ generate a list of search results; and

~~presenting outputting~~, by the processor, the list of search results for presentation on a display.

44. (currently amended) The system of claim 13, where the processor is further configured to provide a link to the received search query along with the search results, where selection of the link causes the processor to perform a search based only on the received search query.

45. (currently amended) The system of claim 13, where₁ when determining whether to rewrite the received search query, the processor is configured to:

identify entity identifiers associated with search results documents that were selected in connection with the prior searches involving the entity name,

determine a total number of selections for each of the identified entity identifiers, and

determine that the received search query should be rewritten when an entity identifier associated with the entity name receives a total number of selections greater than other ones of the identified entity identifiers.

46. (currently amended) The system of claim 45, where₂ when determining whether to rewrite the received search query, the processor is further configured to:

determine whether the total number of selections for the entity identifier associated with the entity name is greater than a threshold, and

determine that the received search query should not be rewritten when the total number of selections for the entity identifier associated with the entity name is not greater than the threshold.

47. (currently amended) The system of claim [[13]] 12, where ~~when determining whether to rewrite the received search query, the processor is configured to~~ the means for rewriting the received search query includes:

means for identifying ~~identify~~ entity identifiers associated with search result documents that were selected in connection with [[the]] prior searches involving the entity name,

means for identifying ~~determine~~ a distribution of a total number of selections for each of the identified entity identifiers, and

means for rewriting ~~determine that the received search query should be rewritten~~ when the distribution indicates that the total number of selections₂ for an entity identifier associated with the entity name₂ is peaked compared to the total number of selections for a subset of other ones of the identified entity identifiers.

48. (currently amended) The system of claim 13, where₂ when rewriting the received search query, the processor is configured to modify the received search query to include a restrict

identifier that restricts the search performed based on the rewritten search query to the domain associated with the particular entity.

49. (currently amended) The system of claim 13, where, when performing the search based on the rewritten search query, the processor is configured to search a repository of documents using the rewritten search query.

50. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, where the entity name corresponds to a store name associated with a particular store, and automatically performing the search restricted to the domain associated with the particular entity includes automatically performing a search restricted to a domain associated with the particular store.

51. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, where the entity name corresponds to a name of a particular news source, and automatically performing the search restricted to the domain associated with the particular entity includes automatically performing a search restricted to a domain associated with the particular news source.

52. (currently amended) A computer-readable memory device that stores computer-executable instructions, comprising:
one or more instructions for receiving a search query;

one or more instructions for determining that the received search query includes an entity name corresponding to a particular entity;

one or more instructions for identifying information associated with prior selections of search results previously generated based on search queries that include the entity name;

one or more instructions for rewriting the received search query to restrict a search performed₁ based on the rewritten search query₁ to a set of documents associated with the particular entity when the identified information indicates that users intended the particular entity when the users submitted the search queries;

one or more instructions for performing a search restricted to the set of documents associated with the particular entity₁ based on the rewritten search query₁ to obtain search results; and

one or more instructions for presenting the search results.

53. (currently amended) The computer-readable memory device of claim 52, where the one or more instructions for rewriting the received search query includes:

one or more instructions for identifying entity identifiers associated with search result documents that were selected, by the users, in connection with prior searches involving the entity name,

one or more instructions for determining a total number of selections for each of the identified entity identifiers, and

one or more instructions for rewriting the received search query when an entity identifier associated with the entity name receives a total number of selections greater than other ones of

the identified entity identifiers.

54. (currently amended) The computer-readable memory device of claim 52, where the one or more instructions for rewriting the received search query includes:

one or more instructions for identifying entity identifiers associated with search result documents that were selected in connection with prior searches involving the entity name,

one or more instructions for determining a distribution of a total number of selections for each of the identified entity identifiers, and

one or more instructions for rewriting the received search query when the distribution indicates that the total number of selections₁ for an entity identifier associated with the entity name₁ is peaked compared to the total number of selections for a subset of other ones of the identified entity identifiers.

55. (currently amended) The method of claim 38, where determining whether to rewrite the received search query comprises:

identifying entity identifiers associated with search result documents that were selected₁ by the users, in connection with the prior searches involving the entity name,

determining a total number of selections for each of the identified entity identifiers, and

determining that the received search query should be rewritten when an entity identifier associated with the entity name receives a total number of selections greater than other ones of the identified entity identifiers.

56. (previously presented) The method of claim 55, where determining whether to rewrite the received search query further comprises:

determining whether the total number of selections for the entity identifier associated with the entity name is greater than a threshold, and

determining that the received search query should not be rewritten when the total number of selections for the entity identifier associated with the entity name is not greater than the threshold.

57. (currently amended) The method of claim 42, where rewriting the received search query comprises:

identifying store identifiers associated with search result documents that were selected, by users, in connection with the prior searches involving the store name,

determining a total number of selections for each of the identified store identifiers, and

rewriting the received search query when a store identifier associated with the store name receives a total number of selections greater than other ones of the identified store identifiers.

58. (previously presented) The method of claim 57, where rewriting the received search query further comprises:

determining whether the total number of selections for the store identifier associated with the store name is greater than a threshold, and

not rewriting the received search query when the total number of selections for the store identifier associated with the store name is not greater than the threshold.

59. (currently amended) The method of claim 43, further comprising:
providing a link to the received search query with the search results, where selection of the link causes a search to be performed based only on the received search query.

60. (currently amended) The method of claim 43, where rewriting the received search query comprises:

identifying news source identifiers associated with search result documents that were selected, by users, in connection with the prior searches involving the name of the news source,

determining a distribution of a total number of selections for each of the identified news source identifiers, and

rewriting the received search query when the distribution indicates that the total number of selections_i for a news source identifier associated with the name of the news source_i is peaked compared to the total number of selections for a subset of other ones of the identified news source identifiers.